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Activities of the East China Air Force Shanghai Base Command between 1 and 20 August were as follows:

1. A small group of fighters made daily reconnaissance flights over Shanghai.
2. Students of the Shanghai Branch Air Force School practiced flying at various fields on 2, 4, 7, 10, 15 and 17 August.
3. On 4 August one reconnaissance plane landed at Lunhua Airfield.
4. On 4 August one fighter wing flew from Shanghai to Nanking and returned to Tach'ang Airfield.
5. On 8 August four bombers landed at Lunhua and eight fighters landed at Tach'ang and Hungjao.
6. On 10 August one transport loaded with jet plane parts landed at Tach'ang. It left with discarded plane parts on the same day.
7. On 11 August the 1 Fighter Wing left Shanghai for Nanking and returned to Hungjao Airfield.
8. On 14 August nine fighters and three bombers left Shanghai.
9. On 17 August two fighter wings stationed at Hungjao and Tach'ang and one bomber group stationed at Lunhua left for Nanking, but the ground crews remained in Shanghai.

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10. On 16 August at 3 p.m. two large Soviet-made bombers landed at Lunghua Airfield. It was said they had come to Shanghai for refueling and were in the process of a long-distance flight from Europe. Each plane took 60 drums of gasoline plus several tens of gallons of an unknown type fuel. These planes were inspected and serviced exclusively by Soviet personnel. The planes were said to be Tupolev Type-6 (sic). The planes had wings swept back at 45 degrees and six "chieh tao" (僚炮).¹ The engines were under the wings.
11. On their return trip to Europe the two large bombers had a fighter escort, and while en route back one of them (sic) crashed at the foot of Chilienshan (98-42, 39-10), Kansu.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. "Chieh tao" possibly refers to JATO units.

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